

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (original) A bookbinding system, comprising:

a sheet binder configured to bind two or more sheets into a text body having an exposed spine bounded by two exposed side hinge areas;

an adhesive dispenser configured to apply a solid pressure sensitive adhesive film between a cover and the side hinge areas of the text body; and

a cover binder configured to bind the cover to the side hinge areas of the text body by applying pressure to the cover.

Claim 10 (original) The bookbinding system of claim 9, wherein the adhesive dispenser is configured to apply a solid pressure sensitive adhesive film to the cover in a series of spaced-apart strips.

Claim 11 (original) The bookbinding system of claim 9, wherein the adhesive dispenser comprises a plug-in cartridge housing.

Claim 12 (original) The bookbinding system of claim 11, wherein the adhesive dispenser comprises a supply spool disposed within the plug-in cartridge housing and configured to support a roll of pressure sensitive adhesive tape formed from a solid pressure sensitive adhesive film disposed on a carrier ribbon.

Claim 13 (original) The bookbinding system of claim 12, wherein the adhesive dispenser comprises a take-up spool disposed within the plug-in cartridge housing and configured to reel-in spent carrier ribbon.

Claim 14 (original) An adhesive dispenser, comprising:

a plug-in cartridge housing configured to plug into a receptacle of a bookbinding system;

a supply spool disposed within the plug-in cartridge housing and configured to support a roll of pressure sensitive adhesive tape formed from a solid pressure sensitive adhesive film disposed on a carrier ribbon; and

a take-up spool disposed within the plug-in cartridge housing and configured to reel-in spent carrier ribbon.

Claims 15-18 (cancelled)

Claim 19 (original) An adhesive sheet, comprising:

a hot melt adhesive film; and

a backing layer attached to the hot melt adhesive film and having one or more slits extending in a substantially longitudinal direction and configured to expose the hot melt adhesive upon stretching of the backing layer in a direction substantially orthogonal to the longitudinal direction.

Claim 20 (original) The adhesive sheet of claim 19, wherein the backing comprises a staggered array of slits.